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ON US VISIT

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FOLLOWING IS JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL ACCOUNT OF DENKI ROREN
(ELECTRICAL MACHINERY WORKERS FEDERATION) PRESIDENT
TATEYAMA'S HANEDA PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 9 ON HIS RETURN
FROM VISIT TO U.S. TO DISCUSS RESTRICTIONS ON JAPANESE-
MADE COLOR TV SETS (REFTEL):

BEING QUOTE:

"AS A RESULT OF HOLDING TALKS WITH AFL-CIO SECRETARY
GENERAL KIRKLAND AND OFFICERS OF THE IUE (INTERNATIONAL
UNION OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS), I RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION
THAT THE SITUATION IS SEVERE, WITH THE U.S. LABOR UNIONS
PUTTING STRONG PRESSURE ON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO HOLD
DOWN THE AMOUNT OF OUR COUNTRY'S EXPORTS OF COLOR TV
SETS TO THE U.S. TO ABOUT ONE MILLION SETS IN THE FORM
OF VOLUNTARY RESTRICTIONS. I APPEALED TO THEM THAT, IF
THE AMOUNT IS SET AT LESS THAN TWO MILLION SETS, IT WILL
HAVE A BAD EFFECT ON EMPLOYMENT IN JAPAN. THE U.S.
SIDE SHOWED UNDERSTANDING TO SOME EXTENT."

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AMERICAN LABOR CIRCLES, SUCH AS THE AFL-CIO, ARE
LEAVING TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ON CURBING IMPORTS OF JAPANESE-
MADE COLOR TV SETS. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT'S MAKING AN EASY-GOING COMPROMISE, THEY
ARE PUTTING VERY STRONG PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT.
THEY ASSERT THAT IMPORTS FROM JAPAN LAST YEAR WERE

"ABNORMAL," AND THEREFORE, SHOULD BE RETURNED TO
"NORMAL," THEY ARE DEMANDING THAT THE AMOUNT SHOULD
BE RESTRICTED TO ONE MILLION SETS A YEAR, WHICH WAS THE
ANNUAL IMPORT AMOUNT UNTIL THE YEAR BEFORE LAST.

LABOR CIRCLES ARE EMPHASIZING THESE POINTS
BECAUSE PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ARE
CONSIDERING MORE LENIENT RESTRICTIONS. I DO NOT KNOW
WHETHER IT WAS AN ERROR ON THE PART OF THE PRESIDENT
HIMSELF OR AN ERROR ON THE PART OF THE NEWS MEDIA, BUT
A REPORT APPEARED IN AMERICAN PAPERS THAT PRESIDENT
CARTER PROMISED JAPAN THAT THE QUOTA WOULD BE 2.5
MILLION SETS. THIS MEANS THAT THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS
ARE BEING CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF A RANGE BETWEEN
"1.3 MILLION TO 2.5 MILLION SETS." END QUOTE.
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